

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### September Election Results Recapped

For those of you who missed the results of the September 27 election, unofficial vote totals for the four proposals are reprinted below.

- "A" (city recreation center):  
Yes: 743 No: 773
- "B" (school bond issue):  
Yes: 761 No: 729
- "C" (school millage renewal):  
Yes: 776 No: 709
- "D" (Edison franchise):  
Yes: 883 No: 582

A total of 1,530 ballots were cast.

### Basham Says "Help Clean Up the Books!"

State Representative Raymond Basham is asking his constituents in Romulus and Taylor to forward information about arcane state laws to his office to help rid Michigan of irrelevant or obsolete statutes.

"Everyone knows that there are a multitude of outdated rules and requirements that served a different era," said Basham, "but this state is a much different place than it was at the turn of the last century. Although the task of identifying these laws is enormous, we can make it more manageable with the help of many."

If you know of an obsolete or arcane state law, please forward pertinent information to Basham c/o the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

### RHS Alumni Sought for Baseball Game

Former Romulus High School students of all ages are invited to participate in the fifth annual RHS Alumni Baseball Game. Play will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 16; a Home Run Derby will precede the game at 12:30 p.m.

Donation is \$25 per person for the game, with an additional donation of \$5 for the derby.

For more information, contact Keith Brothers, Head Coach of RHS varsity baseball, at the Recreation office (734-942-6852). □

## Homecoming Fostered School, City Spirit

By Kristi Stephens

With their 21-7 Homecoming victory over traditional rival Gibraltar Carlson on Friday, October 1, the Romulus High School varsity Eagles remained undefeated in the 1999 football season.

A rousing schedule of Spirit Week activities ensured that students were in a competitive state of mind. In their quest to win the coveted Spirit Jug, all four classes participated in dress-up days, a pep rally, and other programs to earn spirit points.

Excitement began to mount a few hours before the game, when students were joined by school staffers, family, friends, and other members of the community to watch the annual Homecoming Parade, which departed from City Hall and wound through downtown Romulus before ending at the Middle School football field. Among the most spectacular of the parade's entrants were the class floats, each of which reflected this year's Homecoming theme: "board games."

The winner of the float competition was the senior class. Based on "Operation," the float depicted a rather unorthodox surgeon, attired in an OR mask and a football jersey, removing a football from the chest of a vanquished Carlson foe.



The sunny smiles of Romulus High School's cheerleaders spread community spirit among all who had lined up to watch the Homecoming parade wind its way from City Hall to the Middle School. (For more Homecoming photos, see page 7.)

Other entries were based on "Hungry, Hungry Hippo" (Class of 2001), "Chess" (Class of 2002), and "Candy Land" (Class of 2003).

It was a few hours later, during the game's halftime ceremonies, that the winner of the Spirit Jug was announced.

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## Students Receive Scholarships for Camp



Steven Mientkiewicz



Erin Conway

Two Romulus High School students were able to attend a month-long camp at High/Scope's Institute for I.D.E.A.S., thanks to a couple of \$2,000 scholarships that covered their expenses.

The scholarships gave Erin Conway and Steven Mientkiewicz a chance to work with 48 other students from around the world, exploring issues such as initiative, diversity, expectations, achievement, and service.

Reflecting on his recent experience, Mientkiewicz wrote, "I feel different somehow as I write this ... I feel I have grown and can use these skills in the future. Group work, problem solving, and a sense of the community now seem more important to me."

The two were chosen to participate in the camp by Kathy Hurst, service-learning coordinator for Romulus Community Schools, based on their commitment to academics, service, and leadership in their school and community. □



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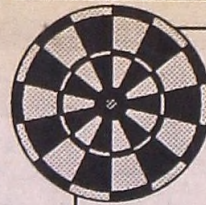
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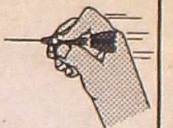


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## RHS Homecoming, 1999

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(Perhaps appropriately, it was the Class of 2000.) But the culminating event of all the festivities was the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen: Josh Turner and Tyra Donald. Turner, the son of Sue Santangelo, is a dedicated community-service volunteer who is also active in student government, the blue-ribbon school team, and the cross-country team. Donald, daughter of Sandra Donald, is also a member of student government, as well as the basketball and track teams.



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  - Steve Mientkiewicz (son of Ken and Bonnie Mientkiewicz; National Honor Society and Technology Committee member),
  - Eric Staten (son of Dennis and Lisa Staten; dedicated community-service volunteer and member of student government and the tennis team),
  - Sharice Carter (daughter of Peter and Tamara Carter; active in softball and the marching band),
  - Jackie Evans (daughter of Richard and Joyce Evans; member of the softball and volleyball teams),
  - Cykeia Lee (daughter of Oscar and Dacia Lee; dedicated community-service volunteer who was also involved in the production of *Pippen*),
  - Jasmine Noble (daughter of Kyn and Trudy Noble; marching-band member and basketball manager).

Brian Harper and Aisha Hubbard, Roger Chapman and Dayna Dawson, and Michael Moomaw and Della Hamby were the junior, sophomore, and freshmen Prince and Princess, respectively.

## O. Tee's To Continue Best of Smiegel Family's Traditions



After receiving a revitalizing make-over, the new O. Tee's Sports Bar & Grill has opened its doors for business.

By Rikki Strobos

Toni (Smiegel) Grech, owner of the newly opened O. Tee's Sports Bar & Grill, has created a truly unique ambience by combining the best of old family traditions with today's most popular entertainments.

"Most of the area's longtime residents still remember Smiegel's Bar at the corner of Goddard and Inkster roads," said Toni. "It was owned by my wonderful and successful grandmother, Josephine Smiegel, who ran it from the mid 1940s until 1959. It then passed to my father, Leonard Smiegel, who continued to operate it until his retirement in 1982.

"During all those years," she added, "Smiegel's maintained a reputation for being a comfortable neighborhood pub where people could gather for a couple of drinks and a great burger in a friendly atmosphere. When I decided to reopen the bar, I began looking for ways that I could perpetuate those traditions in a more modern setting."

It took months of hard work for Toni to turn her dream into a reality. Using make-over basics like gallons of paint and an enormous amount of "elbow grease," she created a fresh backdrop for the new furnishings and other amenities — everything from pool tables to karaoke — that were soon to come.

"I'm really proud of what I've accomplished," said Toni. "O. Tee's is just what I envisioned: a place where people can come to relax, talk with friends, play some pool, sing a song, and enjoy hearty food and drink professionally served by experienced barmaids like my current employees, Gina Falconer, Trisha Socha, and Karen Stinsen.

"Although cancer took my dad more than four years ago, he's been right behind me, directing me, giving me the courage and the strength to make this happen. Leonard Smiegel will live on here in O. Tee's."

Speaking of "O. Tee's," just how did Toni arrive at the new bar's unusual appellation?

"Actually," she laughed, "the place was named by my nephew, Leonard Smiegel III, who called me 'O.T.' when he was a baby because he couldn't say 'Aunt Toni.' Somehow, the nickname stuck, and I'm still O.T., even though Lenny is now 14."

Born some 45 years ago and raised in an apartment attached to her family's bar, Toni went on to graduate from Romulus High School in 1972. She has spent the last 16 years with husband Tony Grech, who works as a restaurant manager.

O. Tee's Sports Bar & Grill (27409 Goddard Road) is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-955-6326. □

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## Local Photography Studio Celebrates First Anniversary

By Rikki Strobos

It's been a busy year for the husband-and-wife team of Roy L. Williams, Jr., and Karolyn L. Williams.

"Our business has grown steadily since we opened our studio on September 30, 1998," said Roy. "We want to thank the many customers who have contributed to our success to date, and we look forward to doing business with them and other members of the community in the years to come."

According to the Williamses, their success is based on their commitment to the basics of business: quality, service, and price.

"We pride ourselves on satisfying all our customers' needs," said Karolyn. "Besides our professional photography services, we also do custom mat-cutting and framing. Our prices are always competitive, and we offer discounts such as 10% off portraits for seniors who bring in their school ID."

For the Williamses, the division of labor is a simple one. Karolyn, with 15 years of experience in computers and billing, has the "business savvy"; Roy, a professional photographer for the past 16 years, is the "creative genius" of the company.

"I haven't always been a photographer," said the 48-year-old Roy. "In my first career, I worked in construction as a heavy-equipment mechanic. It was during a layoff period that I saw a 'photographer needed - will train' ad in the classifieds. It interested me because my family had always liked taking pictures. I took the job, and that took my interest to a whole new level."

Roy believes that much of his success as a photographer is due to the way he approaches his work.

"Through years of experience, I have found that portraits turn out best when the subjects appear natural rather than artificially posed and overly stiff," he explained. "People often have a hard time relaxing in front of a camera, but



Karolyn and Roy Williams

I've found that just chatting with them helps them loosen up tremendously. As you get to know them a little, they start to unwind, and their natural charm shines through."

Although the Williamses currently reside in Karolyn's home town of Belleville, they will soon be returning to Roy's native Romulus to live in a house he built back in 1986.

"I've lived in this town almost all my life, and I'm looking forward to making my home here again," said Roy, who graduated from Romulus High School in 1969. "This is where my roots are. That's why it felt good to open a business here and give a little back to the community I've been a part of for so long."

Roy and Karolyn, who have been married for one year, each have children from a previous marriage: Roy's two sons, Roy III and Brandon, and Karolyn's son, Freddie Mahoney.

Roy Williams Photography Studio is located at 12115 Huron River Drive. Normal business hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Other hours are available by appointment. Call 734-229-0610. □

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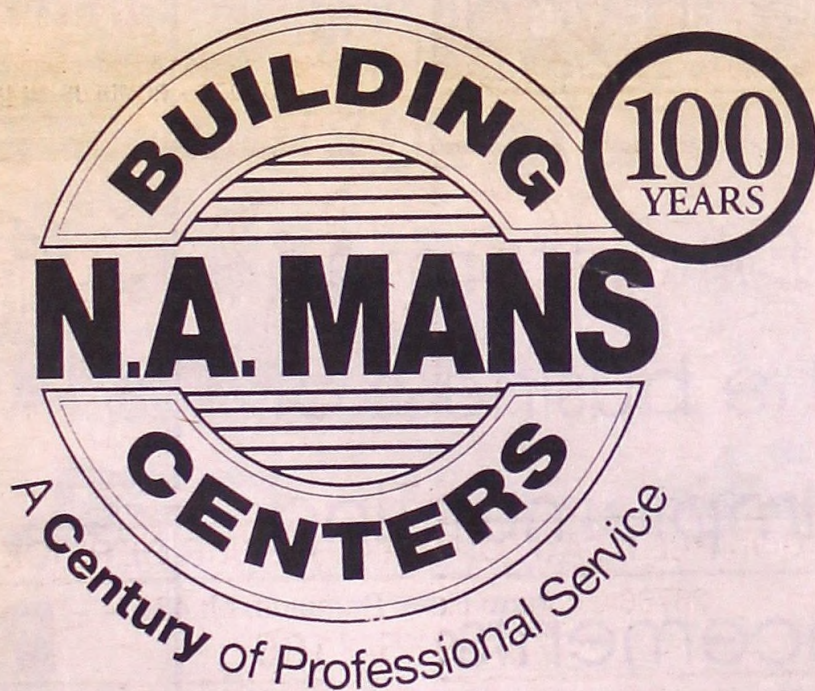
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Joining in the N.A. Mans Building Centers' celebration of 100 years serving southeast Michigan were (from left) Al Gessert (President, New Boston Chamber of Commerce), Nick Mans, Jim Mans, Jim St. Pierre (New Boston Store Manager), Mike Mans, Richard Mans, and Doug Mans.

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"The Mans family is in its fourth generation of serving the people of southeast Michigan with top-quality lumber, hardware, and building supplies," explained New Boston Store Manager Jim St. Pierre. "When you do business today with any of the N.A. Mans Building Centers stores, you have more than 100 years of history on your side, and a family committed to serving you – the customer."

The N.A. Mans Building Centers business was established in Trenton, Michigan, in 1900. Nicholas A. Mans, the son of a German immigrant, started the company, supplying coal, lumber, and building materials.

In the first few years of the company's operations on West Road, customers would leave their orders at a local drug store, since the N.A. Mans site had no office.

From its humble beginnings, the company was built into a thriving operation by Nicholas Mans, who had a simple business philosophy that is still effective today: Serve and respect the customer – and treat the customer the way you'd like to be treated.

In 1938, the first N.A. Mans Building Centers store was moved to its present site – 3300 West Jefferson in Trenton.

Beginning in 1970, N.A. Mans Building Centers expanded to respond to growing demand for the company's products and services. N.A. Mans Building Centers now operates five full-service stores – in Trenton, Canton, Monroe, New Boston, and Hamburg – as well as a lumberyard in Maumee, Ohio.

In addition, N.A. Mans operates home-design centers in Trenton and Canton, offering windows and doors, floor coverings, and a full line of products for building and remodeling kitchens and baths. All stores serve builders, contractors, remodelers, and homeowners who do their own projects.

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# Homecoming 1999



King's Court: (from left) Eric Staten, Josh Turner (Homecoming King), Steve Mientkiewicz, and Mike McNeil.



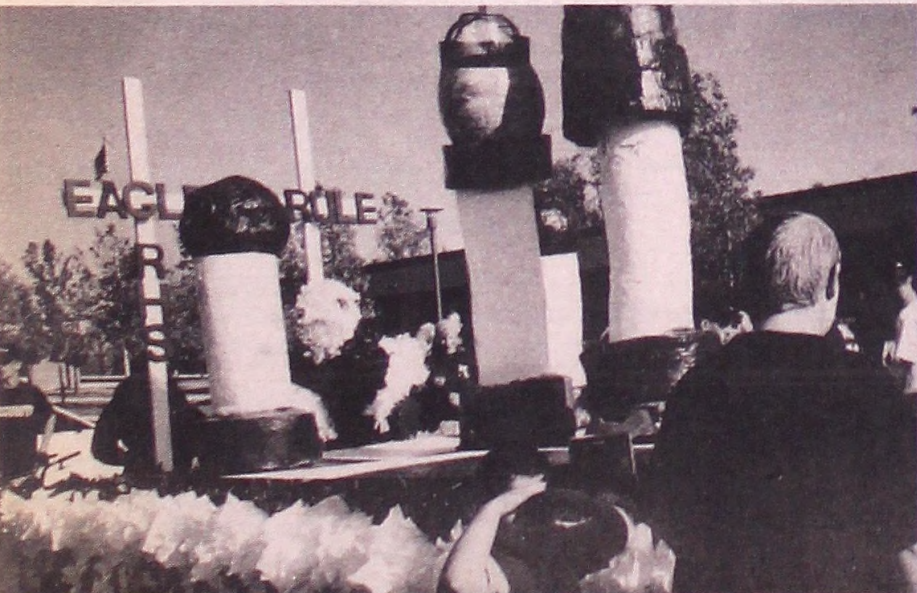
Queen's Court: (from left) Tyra Donald (Homecoming Queen), Jasmine Noble, Jackie Evans, Sharice Carter, and Cykeia Lee.



Following the "board games" theme of this year's homecoming, the seniors' "Operation" float was judged best overall.



The entry from the junior class was based on the game, "Hungry, Hungry Hippos."



"Chess" was the name of the sophomores' game.



The freshmen took everyone on a trip to "Candy Land."



## Community Calendar

- **Bake/Rummage Sale** – Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road) will host its annual indoor bake/rummage sale on Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Among the enormous variety of items that will be offered for sale will be kitchen utensils, pictures, linens, and clothing. The public is welcome.
- **City Council Invites Public To Attend Informal Meetings** – At one of their recent meetings, members of the Romulus City Council followed the lead of their colleague, Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, and voted to begin holding informal public meetings on a monthly basis (from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting). The purpose of the meetings is to allow citizens to discuss their ideas and concerns with government representatives without being restricted to the three-minute time limit enforced at formal Council meetings. The first of these meetings is set for Monday, October 11, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at the corner of Goddard). The public is encouraged to attend.
- **Self-hypnosis Seminars for Reducing Pain, Weight** – Certified hypnotherapist Larry Farrugia will conduct one-day seminars on pain reduction (October 13) and weight reduction (October 20) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins). Registration deadlines are October 12 and October 19, respectively. Cost is \$35 per session. For more information, contact the Center: 734-942-6852.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly Mayor's Chair program will air on cable channel 40 (channel 12 for those who have already switched over to broadband) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 14. Special guests for the evening will be Linda Cook, Director of Technology for Romulus Community Schools; Charlene Teeter, a spokesperson for Annapolis Hospital; and John Ganfield and Cheryl McFarland, spokespersons for Bank One, who will be on hand to discuss Y2K issues as they pertain to their organizations. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can call 734-942-7571 to ask questions of the Mayor and guests.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on October 20) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call either Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **RFD Hosts Annual Fireman's Ball** – On Saturday, October 23, the Romulus Fire Department will present its 43rd annual Fireman's Ball from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wayne. Hosted by Fire Stations #1 and #3, the ball is one of two benefit events that Romulus firefighters conduct each year to raise money for the purchase of various items for the individual stations. Tickets (\$40 per couple or \$20 per individual) cover dinner, dancing, and door prizes. For more information, or to buy tickets, call 734-722-4164.
- **Romulus Athletic Club Hosts Annual Membership Meeting** – The Romulus Athletic Club – "home of the Flyers Junior Football League" – will hold its annual membership meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins). All members are encouraged to attend. For more information about membership requirements, please contact Celeste Roscoe (734-942-1107) at least one week before the meeting.
- **TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #M11690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).

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You might not have known our "mystery woman" when this picture was taken, but her adult face is familiar to many people in the City of Romulus.

To learn her identity, anagram (rearrange) each "key word" below – WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE LETTER – to answer the corresponding clue, and fill in the blanks accordingly.

If the puzzle is done correctly, the added letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out the name of this local citizen.

## ADD THE LETTER ... TO THE LETTERS IN ... TO GET

- \_\_\_ ... SMITE ... a "fateful" Arabian Nights film? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... NOMAD ... certain acts of violence \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... LUNGED ... the cause of bulge? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... CHEAT ... a perfume packet \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... LINES ... a tree trimming \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... PENT ... bungling or clumsy \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... RACED ... holy cow? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... COIN ... a pick-me-up \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... BOREAL ... something often nibbled or pierced \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... LINEAR ... a nutty confection \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... RULED ... obstacle for a track star \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... CARTEL ... daughter of Clytemnestra \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... RUSE ... M\*A\*S\*H's "Hot Lips," for one \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... ALAS ... a spicy condiment \_\_\_\_\_

For solution, see page 9

## YOU'LL FIND IT IN "EDITOR"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters found in EDITOR? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, plurals, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, alternate spellings, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 23 words can be found on page 9



## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 13, 1999, was called to order by President Bette M. Lenossi at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/99/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

9/99/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Minutes of the August 16 and August 23, 1999 meetings as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel recommendations for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Kellee Kubany, P.E. Teacher, Middle School, Effective September 1, 1999; April Woods, Special Ed Teacher, Middle School, Effective September 1, 1999; Erica Swegles, Resource Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; Diane Kyte, Fifth-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; Clinton Chico, Multi-Media Teacher, High School, Effective September 1, 1999; Lisa Kahler, Second-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; and Scott Roark, English/Social Studies, Community Middle School, Effective September 7, 1999.

9/99/3 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Shaaron Pullem, Special Ed Teacher, Middle School, Effective September 7, 1999; Aretha Wright Giles, Second-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective September 7, 1999; Mary Thomas, English/Social Studies, Community Middle School, Effective September 1, 1999; and Marge Bergman, Secretary, Special Education, Effective August 29, 1999.

9/99/4 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick that the Board accept the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

9/99/5 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Service-learning Report

Mesdames Moore, Hurst, and Strong and Mr. Frank Rigger were present to offer an overview of their program to the Board of Education and administration. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

##### Meeting Time Change

9/99/6 Moved by McCraight supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and change the official starting time of all Regular Board Meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Ayes: 2. Nays: 5. Motion failed.

9/99/7 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and change the official starting time of all Regular Board Meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Review of Bond/Millage Campaign

Mr. Joel R. Carr and Mr. Richard Kruse reported on the progress of our millage campaign to members of the Board of Education.

##### Released Time Program

Item of information.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience expressed their items of concern with members of the Board of Education as they relate to the operation of the School District.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) R.F.I.A. Meeting; 3) Michigan Project Report; 4) Milken Awards Banquet; 5) Senator Loren N. Bennett Visit; 6) "Thank You" - George Bowersox; and 7) "Red Clay Project" - Thank You.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

##### Executive Session - Negotiations

9/99/8 Moved by Woods supported by Dick that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:25 P.M.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

9/99/9 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

## Children's Programs at the Library

For more information about these or other programs at Romulus Public Library, located at 11121 South Wayne Road (next to City Hall), stop in during its regular fall hours (Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.) or call 734-942-7589.

### PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME

Children ages three to five who are not yet in kindergarten, but who are ready for independent listening, are invited to take part in the Library's free fall story-time program, with its theme of "Shapes, Numbers, and Letters." Parents can choose between the evening session, which will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday from October 12 through November 16, or the morning session, which will meet at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday from October 14 through November 18. Preregistration is required.

### MAGIC WORKSHOP

Children ages eight and up are invited to sign up for the Library's "Magic Workshop with Ming the Magnificent," which will be held on Saturday, October 9, at 10 a.m. A fee of \$1 per child will be charged to cover the cost of supplies.

### WITCHY TALES

Everyone in the family will enjoy "Witchy Tales with Nora Adkins." The free drop-in program - set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26 - will feature a variety of humorous and spine-tingling stories.

### HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Seasonal craft programs for children in grades kindergarten through five will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays: October 23 (Halloween), November 20 (Thanksgiving), and December 4 (Christmas). Preregistration is required.

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## Answers

answers to puzzles from page 8

### CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

Kismet, random, indulge, sachet, tinsel, inept, sacred, tonic, earlobe, praline, hurdle, Electra, nurse, salsa

"(TRN Editor) Kristi Stephens"

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN . . .

diet, dire, dirt, doer, dote, edit, ride, riot, rite, rode, rote, tide, tied, tier, tire, told, tore, trio, trod, doter, tired, tried, rioted

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Romulus Community Schools is currently interviewing for the following positions.

#### RE-TEACHER: 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Work collaboratively with teacher to provide individual or small-group tutoring. Professional development provided. Ideal for individual interested in teaching profession. \$85.00 per day - Monday through Friday - 180 days per year. Must have earned 90 college credit hours. (Contact Ellen or Carole at the district's administrative office: 734-941-1600.)

#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

\$80.00 per day. Must have earned 90 college credit hours. (Contact Ellen at the district's administrative office: 734-941-1600.)

#### TUTORING: 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Provide individual/small-group tutoring to elementary school. Professional development. \$10 per hour - position until June - will continue in fall. Monday through Thursday. (Contact Deanna Strong at Romulus Middle School: 734-722-1050, ext. 273.)

#### SUBSTITUTE SECRETARIAL

Computer knowledge a necessity. Keyboard skills: 50 w.p.m. \$10.35 per hour. (Contact Ellen, Sheila, or Carole at the district's administrative office: 734-941-1600.)

#### SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL

Must be a high-school graduate. \$11.08 per hour. (Contact Ellen, Sheila, or Carole at the district's administrative office: 734-941-1600.)

#### SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS/BUS AIDES

Substitute Bus Drivers/Bus Aides. Bus Drivers/Sub: \$11.38 per hour. Bus Aides/Sub: \$5.50 per hour. (Contact the district's Transportation Department: 734-941-1600.)



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, the Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of October: Margaret Geter, Margaret Haliburda, Georgetta Lee, Deann Maupin, Margaret Meldrum, June Tracy, Medodean Weaver, Geraldine Westbay, and Debra Wierzbicki (staff).

### Bake/Rummage Sale

Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road) will host its annual indoor bake/rummage sale on Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Among the enormous variety of items that will be for sale will be kitchen utensils, pictures, linens, and clothes. The public is welcome.

### Flu Shots

On Monday, October 18, Oakwood Health Care System staffers will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 11 a.m. to administer flu shots. The shots will be free to Medicare A & B subscribers; \$5 for everyone else. *You need not be a senior citizen to take advantage of this opportunity.*

### Halloween Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to join old and new friends at its next luncheon, set for Friday, October 22, at 1 p.m. In accordance with this month's Halloween theme, you'll want to "dress for success," because prizes will be given for the scariest, funniest, and most creative costumes exhibited.

Menu for the afternoon will be enchiladas, Spanish rice, taco salad, dessert, and beverage. Cost is just \$4.50. Sign up at the Center.

### Do You Feel Lucky?

The Romulus Senior Center has planned another trip to Detroit's MGM Casino on Wednesday, October 13. The cost is just \$5. Sign up at the Center.

### Speaking of Luck . . .

The Romulus Senior Center is now hosting bunko games each Tuesday at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Ceramics Resumes

Instructor Doll Wands reminds everyone that her ceramics classes meet at the Center each Monday at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Biloxi & New Orleans** (November 7-13; \$499);
- **"Soaring Eagle Casino"/Mt. Pleasant** (November 16; \$21);
- **"Mystery Tour"** (November 17; \$55);
- **"The Living Bible" Wax Museum/Mansfield, Ohio** (November 30; \$63);
- **"Festival of Lights"/Battle Creek** (December 6; \$52); and
- **Radio City Rockettes/Fox Theatre** (December 10; \$79).

### Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Please note: The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

### Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before.

Call 942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

### Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. □

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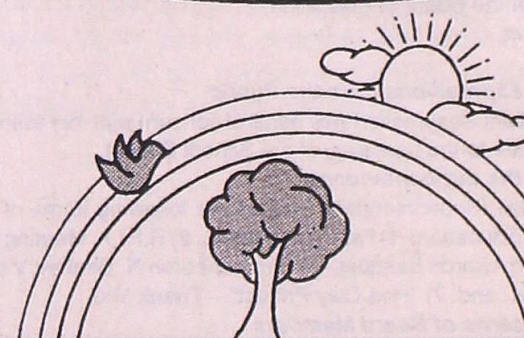
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# Obituaries

## Helen Eli

Helen Eli of Romulus, Michigan, died Saturday, September 25, 1999. She was 84 years old.

A former resident of the Belleville area and graduate of Belleville High School, Helen worked in the accounting department of the Federal's Department Stores before switching to private nursing care in later years.

She is survived by one brother, Samuel J. Elie; one sister, Ann Woolf;

seven nephews, Timothy Woolf, Dan Woolf, Roger Elie, Randall Elie, George Boyer, David Boyer, and Robin Boyer; two nieces, Carolyn Shell and Jeanne Scull; and many friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, September 29, with Pastors Michael G. Doucoumes and Thomas Scull officiating. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Pawlus Funeral Home.

## Dorothy Gierak

Dorothy Gierak of Romulus, Michigan, died Friday, September 10, 1999, at the age of 66.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on April 9, 1933, Dorothy was a graduate of Western High School. She and her husband, Leonard Gierak (for whom Romulus's Firestation #4 is named), were married January 17, 1959, and the couple raised three children. A homemaker for most of her life, Dorothy was also active in the parish of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. For many years, she worked in the kitchen, preparing dinners for the annual St. Aloysius Festival, and helped to make beautiful quilts and other craft items that were raffled off to benefit the Church.

Dorothy is survived by three children, Robert Geirak (Citrus Springs, FL), Martin Gierak (Romulus, MI), and

Karen Britt (Romulus, MI); one brother, Alexander (Bernice) Tellish (Westland, MI); four sisters, Lenore Galleck (Clawson, MI), Florence Horvath (Madison Hgts., MI), Susan Lynn (Camdenton, MO), and Pat Kula (Prudenville, MI); and seven grandchildren. Among those predeceasing her are her parents, Alexander and Susan Tellish, and her husband, Leonard Gierak, who passed away in 1987.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, September 15, at St. Aloysius Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery (Dearborn Hgts., MI). Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home (Wayne, MI).

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

## Steve Z. Perlaki

Steve Z. Perlaki of Van Buren, Michigan, died Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at the age of 54.

The General Motors - Powertrain employee was born in Arbing, Germany, on August 18, 1945.

Steve is survived by his wife, Lorie J. (Hubbard) Perlaki; two sons, Steven S. (Westland, MI) and Raymond W. Perlaki (Romulus, MI); one daughter,

Rahcel M. Perlaki (Romulus, MI); one sister, Ms. Mary Perlaki (Kingsley, MI), and two grandchildren. One brother, Frank Perlaki, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Rocky Barra officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI).

## Nancy Lillia (Burgher) Tally

Nancy Lillia (Burgher) Tally of Romulus, Michigan, died Tuesday, September 21, 1999. She was 84 years old.

A native of Luxora, Arkansas, she was born September 3, 1915.

Surviving Nancy are one son, Ray Tally; three daughters, Mrs. John (Nancy) Kostelic, Mrs. Bobby (Fay) Cotham, and Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Pugh; one sister, Mrs. James (Louise) Smith; one half-brother, Kenneth R. Hughey; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Among those predeceasing her

were her husband, M. Eugene Tally, and two brothers, John and Earl Thomas Burgher.

A funeral service was held Saturday, September 25, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Ladies' Missionary Club of Calvary Baptist Church. □

## City Mourns Loss of Native Son

John R. Ryznar died on Thursday, September 30, 1999, finally succumbing to the cancer he had battled since the beginning of the year.

Born May 20, 1928, the lifelong Romulus resident attended Romulus High School before serving in the Merchant Marines just after World War II. Following his return, Ryznar married Mary Ann McGhen on September 2, 1950, and spent a number of years as an iron worker until he retired and started his own business, Ryznar Trucking Refuse Service, in the late 1960s. Formerly affiliated with the Romulus Jaycees and the Polish National Alliance, he was a lifelong member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and had belonged to Iron Workers Local #25 since 1953.

Ryznar was a well-known figure in his community, where he touched the lives of many over the course of his 71 years. The enormous outpouring of mourners, their cards and flowers, and their memorial tributes were patent evidence of the numerous friends he had made. A devoted husband, firm father, and loving grandfather, Ryznar was a man of strong convictions whose strength of character earned the respect of others. Although he often showed a gruff exterior, he was a kindhearted man who had been known to befriend the less fortunate, feeding them and giving them a place to stay until they could get on their feet again.

Among those who survive Ryznar are his wife; seven children, Mrs. Noah Pete (Marsha) Bergeron (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Dave (Diane) Terry (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Doug (Elaine) Frye (Ann Arbor, MI), Mrs. Jerry (Mary



John Ryznar

Ann) Goodman (Romulus, MI), Mr. John Steven (Linda) Ryznar (Romulus, MI), Mrs. John (Dorothy) Kitchen (Romulus, MI), and Mrs. Daniel (Susan) Finn (Plymouth, MI); five siblings, Mr. Edward Ryznar (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Elizabeth Petrila (Taylor, MI), Mrs. Adelle Pietrowski (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Josephine Wjotowicz (Ypsilanti, MI), and Mrs. Genevieve Harrison (New Boston, MI); 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Predeceasing him were three brothers: Stanley, Ramond, and Henry Ryznar.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 4, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Rick Thomson officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan. □



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